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RE:

Summary of the Linnton Community Center fish consumption survey and health education activities for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), Superfund Health Investigation and Education (SHINE) Program provided a \$1500.00 grant to the Linnton Community Center to conduct a health education and outreach project targeting transient communities who eat contaminated fish from caught within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. The funding provided to the community center was part of a larger minigrant program started by SHINE in 2003 to educate people about fish with the highest levels of contamination and proper preparation methods for those fish. Prior to the project, the community center chairman, Art Wagner, observed transients fishing along the banks of the river within the site boundary and viewed this project as a unique opportunity to inform and educate this hard-to-reach population. Although the program was successful in reaching several transients, the community center chairman stated there is still a need for additional education to reach the ever-changing transient population living near, or fishing within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

Best Regards, Kate Toepel